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Discussion: BACCALAUREATE. Dr. Miller and his committee will report to Faculty Senate results of the questionnaire regarding the continuance of the Baccalaureate Exercises after April 30 deadline of ballots.

Discussion: CLOSED CIRCUIT TV - discussed by Jack Heather.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, April 22, 1969, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Ginther, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Popp, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Dr. Witten, Dr. Oliva, Mr. Finnin and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Thomas.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman, Mr. Jack Heather and Mr. Glen Lojka.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

BACCALAUREATE. Dr. Miller, Chairman of the committee formulating a questionnaire regarding the continuance of the Baccalaureate Exercises, stated that the ballots returned thus far do not favor continuing Baccalaureate Services. Perhaps an option should have been noted in the questionnaire that Baccalaureate Services might be continued but that attendance would not be mandatory. The ballots carried a deadline of April 30. Dr. Miller and his committee will report the results to the Faculty Senate after that date.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV. Mr. Jack Heather had been invited to the Senate meeting to discuss closed circuit TV.

Mr. Heather presented a short talk to the Faculty Senate concerning the closed circuit television operation. The major areas of discussion

included television equipment which would be available, utilization of closed circuit system, and problems related to the use of closed circuit television.

The equipment will be standard black and white broadcast equipment. Broadcast equipment was selected for the overall quality and compatibility with present television stations. Fort Hays could become a production center if an educational television network becomes a reality in Kansas. The equipment will include two studio cameras, professional lighting system, a film and slide camera, video tape machines and the necessary equipment to distribute the signal to designated rooms on the campus. Two rooms will be equipped to receive the lecture presentations, Albertson 108 and 310, but other rooms in other buildings may be added at any time since the system will have the capability of using four television channels when it is installed. The system has the overall capability of using eleven television channels at one time and rooms in all academic buildings could be added to the system as needed.

Mr. Heather stressed the need to determine the advantages of television and the need to coordinate our needs with those advantages. He stressed the necessity of coordination between the television instructor, classroom assistants, and production personnel. The need for good production techniques was illustrated. Mr. Heather emphasized that the lectures were not to be primarily entertaining but were to be made interesting through the use of good visual elements.

Instructional television has proven to be as effective as conventional instruction if properly used. It permits reaching a greater number of persons at one time and makes for lectures which are better organized. Small objects may be magnified, and visuals reinforce the spoken word.

Problems related to the use of closed circuit television can be overcome with imagination and cooperation. There may need to be a complete or partial restructuring of the course if it is put on television. Scheduling of classrooms could be a problem. The attitude that television can do the job alone is misleading. An instructor on television must have his teaching load cut to compensate for preparation of the television lectures. The use of the system must be controlled so all areas have equal opportunity to take advantage of television. Agreement as to tape use must be reached between the administration and instructor. The television instructor must be carefully selected.

Instructional television is not a "cure all" for the problems of education but if it is used properly television will upgrade conventional instruction. The closed circuit system should be used to supplement and upgrade the instructional system--not the system fitted to television.

There was a question and answer session after Mr. Heather finished his presentation. How many additional staff members would be needed? Mr. Heather said they would need an engineer to install this equipment

and keep it in operation. Another person will be needed who will work with the Division Chairmen in producing lectures. A number of students can be used to assist in the production. The TV studio will be located in Malloy 201D. The facilities will also be used for instruction in radio and TV.

Were faculty members consulted about closed circuit TV? Mr. Heather said this possibly would have been the way to handle it but his was an oral survey. He visited with a number of division chairmen. No formal questionnaire was utilized. A questionnaire might have been more effective. Biology and botany instructors are interested in TV. Dr. Garwood pointed out that the dental school of the University of Nebraska utilizes TV for many of their demonstrations.

Mr. Heather noted the science areas frequently use it. He said that at Colorado State University at Fort Collins they have 35-40 video tape machines. They run 12 channels 8 hours per day. TV was first used in the science courses and other areas, psychology in particular, found it very useful. The veterinary department is now using it at CSU. They now have more requests from departments than they can fill. They can handle 300 students per classroom in 7 rooms.

What about copyrights? Mr. Heather said educators have not had problems thus far but it is possible problems might develop. At Stevens College CBS was contacted about use of some of their productions but no response was received. Mr. Heather felt that if pages of books in the Library were reproduced or Xeroxed, the owners of this material would not prosecute

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those who infringe on copyrights. Mr. Heather does not feel there will be any problem with copyrighting. Dr. Miller stated music cannot be reproduced without charge. Mr. Heather stated this was true with plays.

How many persons are associated with this closed circuit TV committee? President Cunningham requested that Division Chairmen recommend faculty members to him. Eight people were appointed. The Division Chairmen made the selection of members for this committee.

How is the time budgeted to Divisions as far as the cost is concerned? Mr. Heather replied that there would be no cost to any Division. There are many programs which can be secured for showing from the Great Plains Library and other sources.

The fact that a faculty member is a "good teacher" does not mean that he would be successful lecturing on TV. Any lecturer on TV would need to prepare carefully and utilize visual aids in his presentation.

How many monitors will there be per classroom? Three are planned at the present time. We will need to experiment with our classrooms in determining how many we will need.

Dr. Garwood noted that Stevens College uses a great number of students in their production of programs. They had Ford Foundation help to pioneer this program. Mr. Heather stated Hagerstown, Maryland, is one of the pioneers in closed circuit TV.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman  
Lucille Drees, Recorder